

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the careful examination of the application. However, in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks that follow, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections.

Art Rejections:

Claims 1-4 and 6-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,534,074, hereinafter *Kryzsik*. In response to the rejection, claim 1 has been amended to more clearly distinguish the present invention over the prior art. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to indicate that the impregnation consists of at most two hydrophilic organic solvent components, and, optionally water and/or an acid, wherein one hydrophilic organic solvent component is glycerol and the impregnation has a low vapor pressure at room temperature. Support for the amendment may be found in the specification, at least at Table 1, page 11, and the examples of impregnations having from one to two hydrophilic organic solvents, where glycerol is the hydrophilic organic solvent component, or one of the hydrophilic organic solvent components, and from the embodiment in Example 2.

Kryzsik does not teach or suggest the claimed invention, and in particular does not teach or suggest a disposable absorbent article which comprises an impregnation, wherein the impregnation consists of at most two hydrophilic organic solvent components and, optionally water and/or an acid, wherein one hydrophilic organic solvent component is glycerol and the impregnation has a low vapor pressure at room temperature.

The present invention solves the problem of providing disposable absorbent articles which present a surface displaying enhanced absorption rates to fluids, wherein the articles are simpler and cheaper to produce, but has maintained absorption rates to fluids, in comparison with earlier known absorbent articles which present a surface displaying enhanced absorption rate to fluids. *Kryzsyk* is completely silent with respect to this problem. Specifically, the material in *Kryzsyk* is not described as being a material presenting a surface displaying enhanced absorption rates to fluids. Furthermore, the compositions disclosed in *Kryzsyk* are completely different than those claimed in the present application. Specifically, *Kryzsyk* discloses a material having seven components. See column 3, line 63 through column 4, line 6. Thus, the complex composition according to *Kryzsyk* makes that composition far more complicated than the impregnation according to the present invention, which consists of at most two hydrophilic organic solvent components, and, optionally water and/or an acid, as defined in claim 1. Thus, the impregnation according to the present invention provides for a simpler, cheaper disposable absorbent article in comparison with the disposable absorbent articles taught by *Kryzsyk*.

Accordingly, claim 1 and the dependent claims are clearly patentable over *Kryzsyk*.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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